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Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards - Certification

FAIRS Export Certificate Report

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Report Highlights:

This report lists the required export certificates for exports to Belgium, which are not EU harmonized. Export Certificate Matrix is included.

Section I. List of All Export Certificates Required By Government (Matrix) :

| Product | Title of Certificate | Attestation Required on Certificate | Purpose | Requesting Ministry | Comments |
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| Colostrum | Health Certificate | The declaration needs to correspond with the EC health certificate required for the import of heat treated milk for human consumption with the exception of: -11.1a sub VI regarding the cell count and the number of somatic cells -11.1c regarding the requirements for the heat treatment. | Health Certificate | FAVV | The FDA and AMS are, however, not able to certify such a certificate for colostrum. Contact FAS The Hague for latest status. |
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FAVV = Federal Agency for Food Safety

Section II. Purpose of Specific Export Certificate(s)

Belgium, as a member of the EU, conforms to all EU regulations and directives. We therefore recommend that this report is read in conjunction with the EU Certification Guide (GAIN Report Number E49057), and the EU Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Report (E49058) both produced by the US Mission to the EU in Brussels, Belgium.

Unfortunately for exporters, the EU's rules on certification for imports are complicated and are not always harmonized across Member States. This report lists the required export certificates for exports to Belgium, which are not yet harmonized.

Both veterinary inspection and food inspection are within the domain of the Federal Agency for Food Safety (FAVV). The FAVV belongs to the Ministry of Social Affairs, Health and Environment. The Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment of this Ministry is in charge of policy and legislation on food issues. Regulation 2004/882/EC sets out the standards for control of compliance with the General Food Law (2002/178/EC).

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Visit the USEU website: the website www.useu.be/agri/usda.html provides a broad range of useful information on EU import rules and food laws and allows easy access to USEU reports, trade information and other practical information. More information on certification can be found at <http://www.useu.be/agri/usda.html>.

| Report Number | Title | Date Released |
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| BE9004 | Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Country Report – Belgium | - |
| E49057 | EU Certification Guide – Update | - |
| E49058 | Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Country Report – European Union | 08/07/2009 |
| These reports can be accessed through the FAS website: http://gain.fas.usda.gov/Pages/Default.aspx | | |

Section III. Specific Attestations Required on Export Certificate(s)

For dairy Products, AMS must first endorse the Public Health Attestation and then the exporter should take the Certificate to APHIS for endorsement.

Section IV. Government Certificate's Legal Entry Requirements

See comment under Section II.

Section V. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements

See comment under Section II.

Appendix I. Electronic Copy or Outline of Each Export Certificate

Certificate for Colostrum

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